

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 were pending when the present Office Action was mailed. In the interest of expediting prosecution, claims 1-11 and 16 have been cancelled and claims 12-15 have been amended without commenting on or conceding the merits of the rejections of these claims, and without prejudice to pursuing these claims in unamended or other forms in a continuation or other application. Accordingly, claims 12-15 are currently pending in the present application.

In the present Office Action, claim 15 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the features of the corresponding base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 15 has been rewritten in the stated form. Accordingly, the objection to claim 15 should be withdrawn.

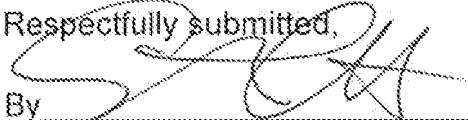
Claims 12-14 have been amended to depend from base claim 15. Accordingly, dependent claims 12-14 are also allowable and the rejections of claims 12-14 should be withdrawn.

The undersigned attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for engaging in a brief telephone conference on December 9, 2009 to discuss the present Office Action. At that time, the parties discussed the status of the pending claims and possible approaches for responding to the Office Action. The applied references were not discussed. Accordingly, the applicant requests that these remarks constitute the applicant's Interview Summary. If the Examiner notices any deficiencies in this regard, please let the undersigned attorney know.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for immediate allowance.

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 313688001US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,


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